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1. The Malayan Nationalist Party (MNP) was not permitted to register with the government on 20 April under the Societies Ordinance for the following reasons:
 - a. The MNP is known to have been in contact with the Malayan Communist Party (MCP).
 - b. The government took this method of giving a telling blow to the MNP, whose leaders it considers to be primarily interested in personal gain and therefore susceptible to the influence of any subversive group.*
2. The MNP had approximately 400 active members and 400 sympathizers at the time it was refused registration.**

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While the MCP probably would not entrust the MNP leaders with important positions, it might use the party as a group to divert the attention of the authorities or to strengthen the MCP position with the Malay population.

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the membership of the MNP at 2,000 as of 20 April 1950.

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